

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-53 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 54 through 60 as follows:

54. (New) A method for entering letters of an alphabet using a computer having a display device, memory storage and a keyboard having at least thirteen operator-selectable letter input elements, the method comprising

assigning more than one letter to at least one letter input element of the keyboard with a majority of the letter elements having only two letters assigned to each letter input element such that more than one series of letters results from a single selected letter input element,

storing a plurality of words in the memory storage, and

displaying on the display device for each entered letter input element, a series of letters that form at least one valid combination, said at least one valid combination being determined from said plurality of stored words in the memory storage for a same number of the letter input elements thus far selected.

55. (New) The method for entering letters of an alphabet as claimed in claim 53, wherein one of the letter input elements includes the letters A and B, one of the letter input elements

includes the letters E and F and one of the letter input elements includes the letters T and U.

56. (New) The method for entering letters of an alphabet as claimed in claim 53, wherein one of the letter input elements includes at least the letters J and K.

57. (New) The method for entering letters of an alphabet as claimed in claim 53, wherein one of the letter input elements includes at least the letters V and W.

58. (New) The method for entering letters of an alphabet as claimed in claim 53, wherein three of the letter input elements include a letter selected from the group of letters X, Y and Z and a letter selected from the group of letters L, M and N.

59. (New) The method for entering letters of an alphabet as claimed in claim 53, wherein two of the letter input elements include a letter selected from the group of letters G and H and a letter selected from the group of letters I and O.

60. (New) The method for entering letters of an alphabet as claimed in claim 53, wherein one of the letter input

elements includes the letter U and a letter selected from the group of letters R, S and T.